

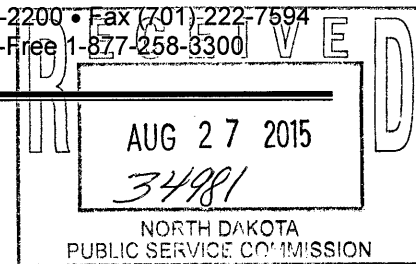
# THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY

A SUBSIDIARY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COAL CORPORATION

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August 26, 2015

Jim Deutsch  
Director, Reclamation and AML Divisions  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol Building  
600 East Boulevard Avenue – Department 408  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Revision No. 34 to The Falkirk Mining Company's Permit No. NAFK-8405 is scheduled to be approved by the North Dakota Public Service Commission at its September 16, 2015, meeting. The minimum bond amount approved by the Commission is \$88,626,612.

Falkirk currently maintains Self-Bond No. SB-9503-1 guaranteed by Great River Energy, Collateral Bond No. CB-9503-4, and Surety Bond No. 105624532, which cover the entire consolidated area within Permit Nos. NAFK-8405, NAFK-8705, and NAFK-9503. Falkirk plans to increase the bonds as follows, which total new amount will result in bond contingency of \$73,388:

CURRENT BOND	CURRENT AMOUNT	INCREASE	NEW AMOUNT
SB-9503-1	\$77,400,000	\$2,430,000	\$79,830,000
CB-9503-4	6,021,500	0	6,021,500
Travelers 105624532	2,578,500	270,000	2,848,500
TOTAL	\$86,000,000	\$2,700,000	\$88,700,000

Accordingly, enclosed are the following documents:

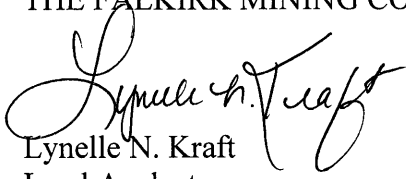
1. One original and one copy of Stipulation to Increase Surety Bond for Bond No. 105624532, which has been executed by Falkirk and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and
2. One original and one copy of Self-Bond Rider to Increase Bond Amount for Bond No. SB-9503-1, which has been executed by Falkirk and Great River Energy as third-party guarantor.

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Commission acceptance of the foregoing is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY

  
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